

**Acadia Parish Drinking Water Protection Committee Meeting**  
**July 27, 2004 at 6:30 PM**

Meatball Stew dinner compliments of T.C. Cary, Church Point City Council.

Meeting called to order by Mr. Nick Simoneaux, Chairman. Thank you and introductions. In attendance:

*Andrew & Pat Gauthreaux - Crowley*  
*Carol Doucet – Church Point*  
*Mel Green – Church Point*  
*Chad LeJeune – Church Point*  
*Alexis Jagneaux – Church Point*  
*Brenda Oliver – Church Point*  
*John Larson – Church Point*  
*Rodney & Grace Labbie – Church Point*  
*Errol Comeaux – Church Point*  
*Theresa T.C. Cary – Church Point*  
*Kathy Comeaux – Church Point*  
*Charles E. Scanlan – Church Point*  
*Mike Pastor – S. Rayne Water Corp.*  
*Margaret Frey – LSU Cooperative Extension*  
*Ken Terry – LA Rural Water Association*  
*Bill Chaumont – LA Rural Water Association*  
*Ben LaBiche – LAWCO – Crowley*  
*Jonathan Murphy – Church Point*  
*Dr. John Taylor – Crowley*  
*Nick Simoneaux – S. Rayne Water Corp.*  
*Michael Judice – Rayne Water System*  
*David Thomas – Calpine*  
*Roger Boudreaux – Mayor, Church Point*  
*Jamie Richey – Egan*  
*Sheri Sison – LSU Dental School/DHH Office of Public Health*  
*Mary Gentry – DEQ*  
*Tiffani Cravens – DEQ*

Minutes from prior meeting accepted.

**Ground Water Protection Ordinance**

Mayor Roger Boudreaux of Church Point stated that the ordinance is on the agenda for vote at the next City Council meeting. He said they made a few minor modifications to the model and were moving forward.

Mr. Mike Judice (Rayne Water System) presented the ordinance to the mayor and it is being strongly considered.

### **Visits to Significant Potential Sources of Contamination (SPSOC)**

Mary asked how the visits to SPSOCs were going and if anyone had any questions, comments, or problems.

Visits have been completed for Rayne, Morse, Mire-Branch, Iota, Estherwood, and Egan. Church Point and Crowley are still working and everything is going well so far. Mr. Ken Terry of Louisiana Rural Water Association will be assisting Church Point in completing their visits. Mermentau is the only unknown at this point, though they have only five potential sources of contamination. South Rayne Water Corporation and North Crowley Water Corporation had no potential sources of contamination.

### **Special Presentation – Drinking Water Fluoridation**

It was recommended that fluoridation be put on the agenda as an item of discussion for this meeting. The City of Crowley recently passed an ordinance to begin fluoridating their drinking water. Mrs. Sheri Sison from the LSU School of Dentistry and the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health was invited to give a presentation on fluoridation. Dr. John Taylor, a dentist from Crowley and an Acadia Drinking Water Protection Committee member, also gave valuable input.

Mrs. Sison explained how fluoride works to prevent dental cavities. While toothpaste contains fluoride, fluoridated water gives extra protection because when small amounts of fluoride are ingested it remains present in saliva that continuously washes over the teeth. It benefits both children and adults.

Fluoride is naturally occurring and is present on small amounts in most water. Fluoridation increases this amount to a safe and beneficial level. There are no scientific studies showing that fluoride is harmful in the amounts found in fluoridated water. There are a number of websites opposing fluoride stating that it's harmful at any level but there is no scientific evidence to support this.

While the start-up cost about several thousand dollars, the average annual cost of fluoridation is very low – less than one thousand dollars a year. Fluoride is added at the clearwell or just before distribution after the treatment process is complete. Hydrofluorosilic acid is used to fluoridate drinking water. It comes in liquid form and is very easy to meter and inject so that the dose stays constant.

### **Other Business**

The next meeting will address public information and fact sheets. One item on the agenda for the next meeting is developing a list of used oil recyclers for the parish.

The next meeting was set for **Tuesday August 31st at 6:30 in Rayne**. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center. Directions will be sent along with the meeting announcement.

Adjourn.